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### Montana Society of CPAs Hosts GAAFR Conference

The Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants will hold a one-day Governmental Accounting Conference on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2520 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Great Falls. Cost is \$140. The conference is designed for auditors of local governments, including school districts, accountants from city, county, town and school district business offices and representatives of local government governing boards.

The conference brochure is available at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information, contact [Denise Ulberg](#) (406) 444-1960

### FY2011-12 E-Grants System Applications

The OPI usually opens the E-Grants system for grant applications in May; however, the system may not be open for FY2011-12 applications until mid-summer. The U.S. Department of Education cannot make a determination on state allocations until appropriations are finalized through Congress, and has advised us that there may be a significant change from the preliminary allocations currently available. The OPI will provide more information about FY2011-12 grant allocations as we receive it.

Registration information for E-Grants training opportunities will be announced soon. Trainings will take place in July at several locations throughout the state.

For more information, contact [Kellee English](#), 406-444-7841

### Traffic Education Reporting Now Online

OPI has launched a new traffic education (TE) web application which can be accessed by clicking on this link: [CLICK HERE](#). School districts, traffic education teachers and authorized staff can request an account to access these traffic education online reports:

***TE01 Program Application- Due August 1 or before TE program begins***

***TE06 Year End Report – Due before July 10 with program and budget information for annual August TE reimbursement***

A user name and password is needed to enter the TE reports. Please send an email to Fran Penner-Ray [fpenner-ray@mt.gov](mailto:fpenner-ray@mt.gov) to set up your TE account. Include your name, phone number, fax number, school district and the TE reports for which you are responsible. MAEFAIRS and Pupil Transportation users will use their existing login name and password to log in to the Traffic Education program once OPI assigns the roles needed for TE data entry and reports. We hope this will simplify reporting for schools.

For more information, contact [Fran Penner-Ray](#), 406-444-4432

## **Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND State Vo-ed Funding Application DUE April 18, 2011**

NEW THIS YEAR, the Office of Public Instruction has combined both the federal Carl D. Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND the State Vo-ed Funding application for school districts' convenience. High schools can apply for one or both of these funding programs using one electronic form.

Authorized Representatives of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should use the link below to access and complete the Perkins 'Intent to Apply' electronic form and the State Vo-ed Funding application for the 2011-2012 E-Grants cycle. All public high schools and K-12 districts with qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are eligible to apply for funding. Elementary districts are not eligible for Perkins or State Vo-ed monies. **Districts will NOT receive a 2011-2012 Perkins allocation unless the electronic form is completed and submitted online at the OPI on or before the April 18, 2011 deadline.**

The online link is located here: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information, contact [Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist](#), 406-444-9019

## **FY2011-12 Indirect Cost Rate Applications**

Districts that plan to charge indirect costs (e.g. general administration, accounting services, and personnel services) to FY2011-12 federal and state grant awards using an

indirect cost rate must complete an indirect cost application form. Application for an indirect cost rate does not increase the amount of the grant award.

Indirect Cost Rate Application forms and resources for FY2011-12 are available on the OPI website.

Indirect Cost Rate Cover Letter (please read): [CLICK HERE](#)

Indirect Cost Rate Instructions: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you intend to reclassify costs to adjust your indirect cost rate, please read through the indirect cost rate instructions carefully. For your convenience, costs that may be reclassified are highlighted in blue. We have also created a reclassification calculator for aiding in the determination of your adjusted indirect cost rate. The calculator is located at the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Schedule A, which shows the preliminary rates is available at: [CLICK HERE](#)

Certification Forms are posted at: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have questions or need assistance viewing the files, please contact Donell Rosenthal at (406) 444-3024 or email [drosenthal@mt.gov](mailto:drosenthal@mt.gov).

Questions about how to complete the indirect cost rate application should be directed to Paul Taylor.

For more information, contact [Paul Taylor](#), (406) 444-1257

## **USEFUL LINKS**

*ARRA Quarterly Reporting, Accounting Guidance and Other Resources*

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/SchoolFinance/Index.html>

*State Entitlement Payments to Schools:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1\\_9](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_9)

*School Accounting:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1\\_3](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_3)

*Forms and Publications & Tuition:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1\\_10](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_10)

*Pupil Transportation:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/Pupil\\_Transportation/index.html](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/Pupil_Transportation/index.html)

*Student Count for ANB:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1\\_8](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_8)

*Audit Information:*

[http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1\\_4](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/schoolfinance/Index.html#p7GPc1_4)

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